

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 27-34, 36, 44-48, 50, and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 35, and 41 as follows:

1. (Currently amended): A flocked article comprising
a substrate comprising expanded PTFE; and
at least one layer of flock particulate attached by an electrostatic process to at least a portion of said expanded PTFE so that at least a portion of the flock particulate stands on end to form a flocked surface, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 50 cycles.

2. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said article further comprises at least one adhesive layer attaching said flock particulate to said expanded PTFE.

3. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 75 cycles.

4. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 200 cycles.

5. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 500 cycles.

6. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 1000 cycles.

7. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 2000 cycles.

8. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 3000 cycles.

9. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 4000 cycles.

10. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said substrate further comprises at least one fabric selected from the group consisting of wovens, nonwovens and knits.

11. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said substrate further comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of foams, films, membranes and paper.

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12. (Original): The flocked article of claim 10, wherein said at least one fabric further comprises at least one of a suede surface, a pile surface and a fleece surface.

13. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said substrate further comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of nylons, polyesters, cottons, rayons, acrylics, cellulose acetates, wool, carbon, fiberglass, and rubber.

14. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said at least one layer of flock particulate comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of nylons, cottons, polyesters, modacrylics, aramids, rayons, acrylics, wool, carbon, and fiberglass.

15. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said substrate further comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of polyesters, copolyesters, fluoroelastomers, block copolymers, copolyesterethers, copolyetheresteramides, olefinics, copolyetherpolyesters, copolyetherurethanes, polyethylenes, polyamides, polyethyleneimine, polyamines, polypropylene, polycarbonates, polymethylmethacrylate, polyvinylchlorides, polyvinylidene fluoride, polysulfone, polystyrenes, polyolefins, modacrylics, and aramids .

16. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said at least one layer of flock particulate comprises at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyethylenes, polypropylene, modacrylics, and aramids.

17. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 2, wherein said at least one adhesive layer comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of acrylics, acrylamides, epoxies, urethanes, polyesters, polyesters cross-linked with polyfunctional isocyanates and fluoropolymers.

18. (Original): The flocked article of claim 2, wherein said at least one adhesive layer comprises a continuous layer of adhesive.

19. (Original): The flocked article of claim 2, wherein said at least one adhesive layer comprises a discontinuous layer of adhesive.

20. (Original): The flocked article of claim 2, wherein said at least one adhesive layer comprises a foamed layer of adhesive.

21. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said expanded PTFE further comprises an oleophobic coating on at least a portion thereof.

22. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said expanded PTFE further comprises a hydrophilic coating on at least a portion thereof.

23. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said article has a moisture vapor transmission rate of at least 2000 g/m²/day.

24. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said article has a moisture vapor transmission rate of at least 7500 g/m²/day.

25. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said article has a moisture vapor transmission rate of at least 10,000 g/m²/day.

26. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1, wherein said article has a moisture vapor transmission rate of at least 15,000 g/m²/day.

27. (Cancelled)

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33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently amended): A flocked article comprising
a substrate having at least a first side and a second side wherein
said first side comprises expanded PTFE;
at least one layer of flock particulate is attached by an electrostatic process to at least a portion of said first side so that at least a portion of the flock particulate stands on end; and

at least one layer of flock particulate attached to at least a portion of
said second side wherein said first side has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 50 cycles.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 35, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage on said first side of at least 500 cycles.

38. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 35, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage on said first side of at least 1000 cycles.

39. (Original): The flocked article of claim 35, wherein said second side comprises expanded PTFE.

40. (Original): The flocked article of claim 35, further comprising at least one adhesive attaching said flock particulate to at least one of said first side and said second side.

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41. (Currently amended): A flocked article comprising
a substrate comprising expanded PTFE membrane having a coating
of water resistant, moisture vapor permeable material, and
at least one layer of flock particulate attached by an electrostatic
process to at least a portion of the coated membrane so that at least a portion of
the flock particulate stands on end, wherein said flocked surface has a wear test
cycles to leakage of at least 50 cycles.

42. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 41, wherein said
flocked surface has a wear test cycles to leakage of at least 500 cycles.

43. (Previously amended): The flocked article of claim 41, wherein said
flocked surface has a wear test to cycles to leakage of at least 1000 cycles.

44. (Cancelled)

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46. (Cancelled)

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Original): The flocked article of claim 1 in the form of a water
resistant, wind resistant, breathable garment.

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Original): The flocked article of claim 35 in the form of a water
resistant, wind resistant, breathable garment.

52. (Cancelled)

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